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This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request the following:

A: Documents, emails, memos, power point presentations and reports containing Navy Capt. Mark Lyles's findings, conclusions, and recommendations as they relate to his work on dust in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014. Be sure to include research papers, briefings and memos on the subject of the health implications to U.S. military and other personnel who were/are exposed to dust in Iraq and Afghanistan.

B. Documents, emails, memos, reports, briefings, power point presentations containing reviews of and actions of the Defense Department components and personnel in response to items in paragraph A, including, but not limited to, further research.

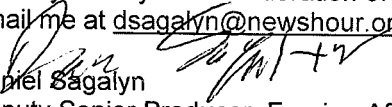
Capt. Lyles' contact information according to this web site: <https://www.usnwc.edu/Academics/Faculty/Mark-Lyles.aspx> is Mark.Lyles@usnwc.edu and (401) 841-1234.

As I am sure you know, the PBS NewsHour is one of the country's leading news media organizations with a vast reach and large audience. The program is widely respected and that is why the current and past secretaries of defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as Combatant Commanders and many other DoD officials have appeared on the program over the past many years.

I would like to obtain the documents outlined in paragraph A and B in order to extract and synthesize and effectively convey the information to the public.

Because we are a news media organization and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use, we should not be assessed any fees. As I am sure you will agree, disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the Department of Defense and is not in my commercial interest. Furthermore, all these documents can be provided to me electronically via email so there is no Xeroxing involved.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 703-998-2877 or email me at dsagalyn@newshour.org.


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